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UROLINK
British Association of Urological
Surgeons

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History

- 1990 set up by BAUS on the recommendation of Prof Geoff Chisholm president of RCSEd
- Encourage urological provision and education worldwide with emphasis on developing countries

History

- Neville Harrison was first chair 1990-98, then Chris Chapple, I was 3rd 2000-01
- Neville first went to KCMC Moshi 1995 with biennial visits/workshops thereafter run with Dr Lester Eshelman these continue now run by Phil Thomas

2000 7 week trip to Africa

- 1 Zimbabwe with Patrick Duffy [paeds] met Rosemary Hepworth
- 2 Botswana
- 3 South Africa Nongoma
- 4 Maputo with Johann Naude met Igor Vas
- 5 Cameroon
- 6 Ibaden Nigeria [got stuck]
- 7 Lusaka met Mohammed Labib

From 2001

- Visited yearly Zambia and Zimbabwe [going to Monze and Harare as well]
- 1st ASEA meeting 2001 Lusaka, COSECSA had just started
- 2001-2 external assessor of the surgical departments for the membership ECSCA with Prof Jimmy James and Prof Krikor in Zambia/ Zimbabwe

2003

- Rahima Dawood lecturer, joint fellowship with RCSEd.
- I visited all 8 counties in ASEA presentation in Kampala on 'Surgical training'
- First M.ECSA exams run with Chris Lavy

Dr Ashmawy in Bulawayo



Christopher Samkange in Harare 2005



Michael Breen in Monze VVF



2005-8

- Continued as external examiner with Bob Lane. Ran the Train the Examiners course at the COSECSA/ASEA meetings
- The first Fellowship exams were held In Blantyre 2007 with general surgery and orthopeadics
- The second 2008 in Maputo included urology and plastic surgery

Samkanges 2008 Harare



Bob Lane in Maputo



4th year medical students in Bulawayo 2008



2009-11

- Teaching medical students 4th year in Blantyre

4th year students Blantyre



UROLINK

- For the last 10 years UROLINK has had close links with COSECSA/ASEA through the urology departments, both teaching African/UK trainees and providing equipment

Also Ru MacDonagh visits Zanzibar

Jaimin Blatt has been to Lusaka since 2008

KCMC close ties through Phil Thomas

Farewell

- Since 1999 I have been to
- Zambia x 8
- Zimbabwe x 6
- Malawi x 5
- Mozambique, Ethiopia x 3
- Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania x 2
- Botswana, Nigeria, Cameroon, The Gambia x1

Farewell

- I have been well watered, fed, loved.
- I have seen Zimbabwe nearly destroyed
- I have missed the riots in Kenya December 2008 by 2 weeks
- I was not burgled for some amazing reason 2009
- Lost a sim card/ laptop, fought with taxi drivers in Nigeria, stranded for 22 hours in Lagos airport
- I have not contracted HIV/AIDS or malaria

AND I HAVE LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT

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